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YSB Advisory Board

Regular Meeting

August 22, 2018

4:00 p.m.

9 Elm Street - 2nd floor YSB offices

Approved Meeting Minutes

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1. Welcome and Introductions:

Members present: Shai-Anne Gaston, Nathanael Roman, Debby Rodriguez, Laura Bush, Michelle Hill

2. Review and Approval of February 27th minutes

The draft minutes for the February 27 meeting were reviewed. Laura moved to accept the minutes as presented. Shai-Anne seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

3. Program updates:

a. School Year Programming: The following programs will be kicking off this September as the school year begins

- i. YSB After School Program: Begins September 10. The program serves 20 children. The focus is on positive youth development and homework assistance. YSB is currently enrolling children.
- ii. TIP: Truancy intervention program. at 5 elementary schools.
- iii. YSB at RHS: YSB Prevention program specialist coordinates leadership-prevention programs, provides referral services, and support services for students during the day.

b. Summer programming recap

- i. Summer nutrition program: Finishes August 24. As of 8/17 we have served 4029 lunches.
- ii. Summer Fun Club: Served 20 children. Took trips to Hartford Science Museum, Quassy Amusement Park, Jumpin Jonnies, the Rockville Public Library, and Henry park Pool.
- iii. Summer Youth Employment and Learning Program, This past summer we had 14 participants complete the program. It was one of the best years for attendance and overall the participants performed very well.

4. Collaborations: Michelle provided general update on community collaborations.

- a. **Vernon School readiness Council update:** funding of Vernon preschool slots remains the same. Council will fund professional dev this year for preschool teachers on Conscious Discipline.
- b. **Local Prevention Council update:** Vernon R.O.C.K.S coalition
 - i. Social Norms campaign – led by Vernon youth. Vernon youth are in the process of creating a campaign to encourage parents and teens to talk to each other. About the reality and risks of substance use and abuse.

c. Prevention activities at Henry park: Members of the Vernon ROCKs coalition coordinated and offered fun prevention activities at the Vernon Park and rec camp this summer. They included a Bingo game, scavenger hunt, and canine demonstration. Positive feedback was received from parents in the community.

d. JRB update

- i. New intake: Vernon YSB now using the Ohio scales for the jrb intake sessions. This is a new tool developed and required by the State department of education.
- ii. Restorative practices training: Michelle shared that several of the Vernon jrb members participated in a restorative practices training this summer. Members of the JRB are interested in integrating many of the concepts learned in this training.

5. Funding updates :

Michelle shared YSB funding for 2018-19 year. (attached)

6. Members' comments, questions, and sharing.

Members had time to ask questions and share comments. Laura Bush shared information about the vision screening offered by the Vernon Lyons Club. Using a specialized camera, the vision screening helps to identify vision problems early on. Local preschool providers can work with the Lyons Club to provide screening.

7. Next meeting : November 28, 2018 , 4:00pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

Michelle Hill

